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Buddha Story Comprehension

1. Buddha was born in 563 BC
2. Maya saw an elephant in her dream who pierced her womb with his tusk which impregnated her with Buddha
3. Asita weeps because of Buddha’s greatness and because he knows he will not live to see him teach
4. Asita’s prophecy says that Buddha will either be a great leader or a great saint
5. Maya dies 7 days after she has Buddha
6. The king gives Buddha everything he could ever want so he will be a great leader and not a great saint
7. The prince spends most of his time in in the castle as a child
8. The prince wonders why the swan in in pain when he sees it
9. the princess’ father needed proof of Buddha’s bravery and skill to allow him to marry his daughter
10. Buddha won the contests by beating his cousin in archery, chopping a tree in swordsmanship, and he stroked a horse which calmed in to win the last contest
11. The king gave Buddha and his wife two palaces, one for summer and one for winter
12. The king sees age, sickness, and death
13. He was 29 when he got to the forest and he cut his hair
14. Buddha starves himself to experience suffering
15. In Bodhgaya under a Bodhi tree Buddha becomes enlightened